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In re Application of :
Thomas W. Astle :
Serial No.: 09/460,107 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: December 13, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No.: 130-129 :


This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 1, 2002, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a non-final Office action to applicant on May 22, 2001, setting a three month period for reply. Applicant filed a timely reply on November 23, 2001, which was received by the Office, but in severely damaged condition. The Office requested applicant to furnish a new copy of the reply on March 21, 2002. Applicant transmitted by facsimile a copy of the reply on April 1, 2001. Inadvertently a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicant on April 2, 2002, prior to the reply being associated with the file. This Notice was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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